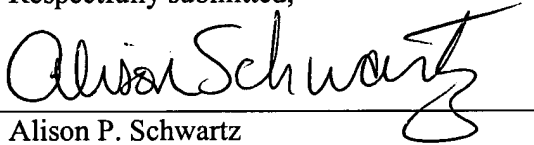


REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Inagaki* (U.S. Patent No. 6,765,246). In response, Applicant has attached herewith a 37 C.F.R. §1.131 declaration attesting to the fact that the present invention was invented prior to the effective date of the *Inagaki* reference.

Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the present rejection and submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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